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3 By Senator Waggoner
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4 ENROLLED, SJR66,

5 OBSERVING SEPTEMBER 17, 2021, AS POW/MIA DAY AND
6 HONORING ALABAMA'S FORMER POW'S AND MIA.

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8 WHEREAS, this year, as we commemorate the 76th
9 anniversary of the end of World War II and reflect upon the
10 71st anniversary of the start of the Korean War and the 46th
11 anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, we pause to
12 recognize and extend honor and eternal gratitude to the men
13 and women of the United States Military who were held as
14 Prisoners of War or deemed Missing In Action in these
15 conflicts against repressive ideologies; these service members
16 and civilians deserve a special place of honor in the hearts
17 of all Americans because of their selfless devotion,
18 unflinching courage, and unsurpassed dedication to our
19 cherished American values; and

20 WHEREAS, we pause to remember the more than 500,000
21 prisoners of war who have endured incredible suffering and
22 brutality under conditions of extraordinary privation; we
23 honor those prisoners of war who faithfully served through
24 extreme hardship and unimaginable physical and emotional
25 trauma; their lives and resilience reflect the best of the

1 American Spirit; their immeasurable sacrifices have ensured
2 the blessings of freedom for future generations; we salute all
3 American prisoners of war who, in the presence of great
4 dangers and uncertainties, valiantly honored their duty to
5 this great country; and

6 WHEREAS, we reflect upon the tens of thousands of
7 our patriots still missing in action; we commemorate their
8 bravery and recommit to their long suffering families who
9 deserve answers and solace for their missing loved ones;
10 according to the National League of Families of Prisoners and
11 Missing in Southeast Asia, thousands of United States service
12 members have been or remain classified as Missing In Action;
13 including more than 73,000 from World War II, over 120 from
14 the Cold War, approximately 7,745 from the Korean War, and
15 more than 1,600 from the Vietnam War; and for the still
16 missing and unaccounted 30 service personnel from the great
17 State of Alabama; we reaffirm our unceasing global efforts to
18 obtain the fullest possible accounting of our Missing in
19 Action personnel; the search, recovery, and repatriation of
20 Missing in Action remains help bring closure to families
21 bearing the burden of the unresolved fate of their loved ones;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, we remember and honor these valiant members
24 of our military and salute their courageous families; we will
25 not forget these patriots who were willing to give their all

1 to preserve and protect our freedom; the State of Alabama
2 commends and endorses the national commitment, as fully as
3 possible to account, for the Americans still missing from our
4 nation's wars; and

5 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama calls upon the
6 President, Secretary of State, and Secretary of Defense to
7 consistently raise, with foreign counterparts, the need for
8 increased action to help account for our missing, alive and
9 dead, and return them to the United States; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we observe September 17, 2021,
12 as POW/MIA Day in the State of Alabama, and honor those
13 Alabama citizens who were Prisoners of War and who are still
14 Missing in Action; we urge citizens to join in expressing
15 gratitude to these cherished Americans of the United States
16 Military for what they have done for our great nation, and we
17 are forever indebted and deeply grateful for those who have
18 sacrificed their own safety and freedom for the United States
19 of America.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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